

Eric's Story

Eric is 15. He went to a party, too, on Saturday night, with some of his friends. There was an assortment of alcohol and other drugs. Just like always, Eric was pretty high and drunk after a couple of hours.

About then, some older guys showed up. They were using needles to inject drugs. They kept pressuring Eric to try it. Eric was too drunk and high to be sure what he wanted, but he ended up using a needle.

When he woke up the next morning, he couldn't believe he had injected drugs. He was scared. What about HIV?

Discussion Questions:

- A. Why did Eric use alcohol and drugs in this situation?
- B. Exactly what risks did Eric take?
- C. Were the possible benefits worth the risks, in your opinion?
- D. Eric's worried about HIV. What could he do about it?